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In the Application of	)	
Hiroaki S. Hara, et al.	)	Examiner: Unknown
on METHOD OF PREPARING	)	
MEMBRANE ELECTRODE	)	Art Unit: 1746
ASSEMBLIES WITH AEROGEL	)	
SUPPORTED CATALYST	)	Confirmation No. 1415
Serial No.: 10/800,993	)	
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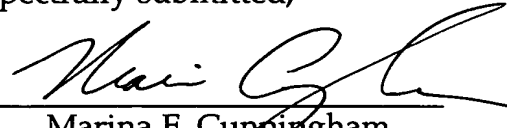
**STATUS LETTER**

On August 19, 2004, Applicant received a Corrected Filing Receipt (copy enclosed) in connection with the above-identified patent application.

As of this date, Applicant has not received an office action relating to the above-identified patent application. Applicant therefore requests a status report be provided for the above-identified patent application.

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